

COUNTYWIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MAY 6, 2013

MEETING NOTES

Present: James Krzyminski, Ron MacNab, David Magill, Mark Pharaoh, Chris Richardson, George Schlapo, Michael Waters, James Zepp.
Gabe Albornoz [Rec], Jeff Bourne [Rec], Mary Bradford [Parks], Steve Beach [CUPF], Christine Brett [Parks], Morton Davis [Commission on Aging], Ursula Hermann [MCPS], Susan Hoffmann [Rec], John Nissel [Parks], and Robin Riley [Rec].

Absent: Rose Alvarez, Erik Johnson, Paul Lofgren, Sean Thomas Smith, Felecia Wilson, Tony DeVaul [Park Police], Kamran Rasul [Commission on Disabilities].

Guests: Kate Stookey [Parks] and Haviz Adejo [Parks].

Chair Report – Chris Richardson

- Chair Richardson welcomed everyone and introduced guests.
- Meeting Agenda and April 8, 2013 Meeting Notes were unanimously approved, with changes

Rec Update – Gabe Albornoz

- Met with full Montgomery County Council on Recreation Budget request. It was passed unanimously. Several items were added to the reconciliation list, including extended learning summer camp in partnership with MCPS. All five Excel Beyond the Bells will become fulltime starting July 8.
 - Senior Transportation program was approved
 - Added one manager to the reconciliation list. At one time the department had 14, currently have four managers...would be five.
 - Future Fiscal Impacts [FFIs] are due in August
 - Financial Assistance for Recreation is not a direct line item. The money is dispensed as revenue \$1 million above the MARC. Over the last two years Montgomery County changed the process to the fiscal instead of the calendar year. County will be going back to the calendar year, so current financial assistance will be available from July through December in the amount of \$300,000, and then start again in January.
- Long Branch Unity Day saw, once again, its “Celebrity” Basketball Game. Director Albornoz participated.

- This is Montgomery County Recreation's fourth season working on the Miracle League field. The program has exploded with 70 participants. Thanks to Parks for their partnership support.
- The Summer Guide was issued, marking Recreation's 60th anniversary. The guide has a retro look and 1953 prices for selected classes.
- The Be Active Montgomery! Kickoff will take place on June 8, 10am to 2pm, at the Germantown Recreational Park. The Countywide Recreation Advisory Board members are invited to attend. The event is being promoted through MCPS with physical education teachers.
- Employee Awards program was discussed with Chair Richardson leading the discussion. A committee of the board will receive recommendations from staff and decide from among the nominees. There will be three awards:
 - Volunteer of the year
 - Parttime seasonal staff of the year
 - Fulltime staff of the year

CIP Update –Jeff

- Montgomery County Recreation has 10 capital projects open simultaneously:
 White Oak, North Potomac, Plum Gar, Scotland, Ross Boddy, Good Hope, Western Outdoor Pool, Wheaton, White Flint and Recreation Facility Modernization.

Parks Update – Mary Bradford

- Thanks to those who attended Woodlawn Horse Farm
- Met with Montgomery County Council today. Got what they asked for.
- The Montgomery County Revenue Authority would like to return to the Recreation/Parks Guides. There will be a cost involved.

Enterprise Fund – Christine Brett

- Annual presentation of fee increments will be made to the Planning Board on June 6.
- The tent pad sites have been a huge success. Seneca and Woodlawn are the two busiest. Last week was the Skatefest.
- A new ADA boat dock has been installed at Lake Needwood, where use is up.
- Train revenues are still down, due to the cold weather.

Permit and Facility Fees Presentation – Kate Stookey [Parks] and Haviz Adejojo [Parks]

- Parks has not increased fees in four years.
- They looked at what other jurisdictions charge. Special attention was paid to field fees and special events fees.
- Following the presentation, they took questions
- Comments are due by May 24 and a letter of support was requested.

Local Board Reports

- Eastern County, Mark Pharaoh – met on April 16; was one of best meetings ever had. Chris Richardson and Robin Riley attended. Attended the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board meeting and obtained more information from Mike Riley. Mark also participated as a judge at the annual Taste of Recreation.
- Mid County, Paul Lofgren – absent

Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities, Steve Beach – challenges they face include coordinating summer use with MCPS. It is getting harder every year due to summer construction and asbestos abatement
- Commission on Aging, Morton Davis – serves on the Communications Subcommittee of the Commission. Why aren't more seniors participating?
- MCPS – Ursula Hermann – must be collaborative with Community Use of Public Facilities for school use. Pleased with the partnership with Recreation on Excel Beyond the Bell and extended day. Her husband loves Senior Fit.
- M-NCPPC Police, Chief Tony DeVaul – absent

Old/New Business

- The Josiah Henson Park letter was approved unanimously as modified.
- Discussion regarding the final meeting/picnic on June 3 at White Oak Community Recreation Center, 6 to 8 pm ensued. Elections will be held. Sean Thomas Smith will be approached to chair the Elections Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.